

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 6 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

The disclosure stands objected to because of the informalities. In response, Applicant has thoroughly reviewed and amended the specification, amending "MRS" to --MSR--.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 in view of the Examiner's comments. Applicant has also amended claim 2 by changing "the comparison standard clock" to --the comparison reference clock-- for proper antecedent basis. Applicant submits that claims 1, 2 and 6 are now clear and definite. Accordingly, claims 1 & 6 and their dependent claims 2-5 and 7-20 are now believed to be in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action. By amending claims 1 and 6, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 6 are now believed to be allowable.

Applicant further notes with appreciation that claims 2-5 and 7-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, independent claims 1 and 6 are now believed to be allowable. As claims 2-5 and 7-20 are properly dependent on allowable claims 1 and 6, Applicant submits that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-20 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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